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OF THE

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CHARTER, &c.

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, and ſo forth: TO all unto whom theſe Preſents ſhall come GREETING, WHEREAS the Inſtitution of Societies for the Advancement of Learning, (within our Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and alſo in Countries beyond the Seas,) hath been found by Experience to have greatly tended to the Encreaſe of uſeful Knowledge: AND WHEREAS ſeveral of our loving Subjects of our City of *Dublin*, and Kingdom of *Ireland*, have lately met together, for their mutual Improvement in the Studies of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities: And whereas WE are willing to give Encouragement to Studies of that Nature in all Parts of our Dominions, and more eſpecially in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, which was in antient Times famous for its Schools and Seminaries of Learning, and hath ſince produced many Perſons eminent in every Branch of Science, and are deſirous that Uſeful, Curious, and Polite Literature, ſhould under our Royal Patronage, and ſpecial Protection, continue to flouriſh and encreaſe: HAVE of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, by and with the Advice and Conſent of our Right Truſty, and Right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Charles* Duke of *Rutland*, our Lieutenant General and General Governour of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, and according to the Tenor and effect of our Letters under our Privy Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date at our Court of *St. James*'s the Twenty-eighth Preamble.

Date of Letters 28th September, 1785.

Day of *September*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-five, and in the Twenty-fifth Year of our Reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of *Chancery*, in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, conſtituted and appointed, and by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, WE will, ordain, conſtitute, declare, and grant, that our well beloved Subjects, our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin and Counſellor *James* Earl of *Charlemont*, of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Counſellor *Richard* Lord *Rokeby*, Archbiſhop of *Armagh*, and Primate of all *Ireland*; our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin and Counſellor

Names of Original Members.

James Earl of *Clanbraſſill*; our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin *John* Earl of *Moira*; our Right Reverend and well beloved Father in *God Thomas* Lord Biſhop of *Killaloe*, our Right Reverend and well beloved Father in *God John* Lord Biſhop of *Clonfert*, our Right Reverend and well beloved Father in *God William* Lord Biſhop of *Waterford*, our Right Reverend and well beloved Father in *God Thomas* Lord Biſhop of *Dromore*, our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor *John Hely Hutchinſon*, Doctor of Laws, our Principal Secretary of State in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor *Denis Daly*, Eſq. our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor *William Conyngham*, Eſq. our Truſty and well beloved *Charles Vallancey*, Eſq. our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Richard Murray*, Vice Provoſt of *Trinity College*, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Hugh Hamilton*, Dean of *Armagh*, our truſty and well beloved *Richard Kirwan*, Eſq. our truſty and well beloved *Edmond Malone*, Eſq. our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Michael Kearney*, Doctor in Divinity, our truſty and well beloved *Adair Crawford*, Doctor in Phyſic, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *William Hales*, Doctor in Divinity, our truſty and well beloved *George Cleghorne*, Doctor in Phyſic, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Henry Uſſher*, Doctor in Divinity, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *John Kearney*, Doctor in Divinity, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *John Waller*, Doctor in Divinity, our truſty and well beloved *John Purcell*, Doctor in Phyſic, our truſty and well beloved *Robert Perceval*, Doctor in Phyſic, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Matthew Young*, Maſter of Arts, our well beloved in *Chriſt*

Chriſt the Reverend *Digby Marſh*, Maſter of Arts, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *George Hall*, Maſter of Arts, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Richard Stack*, Maſter of Arts, our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *William Hamilton*, our truſty and well beloved *Laurence Parſons*, Eſq. our truſty and well beloved *William Preſton*, Eſq. our truſty and well beloved *William Ball*, Eſq. our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *James Archibald Hamilton*, Doctor in Divinity, our truſty and well beloved *William Deane*, Doctor learned in the Law, our truſty and well beloved *Richard Lovell Edgeworth*, Eſq. our truſty and well beloved *James Gandon*, Eſq. and our truſty and well beloved Sir *Joſeph Banks*, Baronet, Preſident of our Royal Society at *London*, and ſuch others as ſhall be elected in the Manner herein after directed, to be one Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name of the Royal Iriſh Academy, for promoting the Study of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities, of which Academy we do hereby declare ourſelves the Founder and Patron, and by the ſame Name to have perpetual Succeſſion, and to purchaſe, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their Succeſſors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of whatſoever Nature or Kind, not exceeding in the whole, the clear yearly Value of One thouſand pounds *Sterling*; and alſo all manner of Goods and Chattels of what Value ſoever, and by the ſame name to ſue and be ſued, plead, and be impleaded, anſwer, and to be anſwered unto in all Courts and Pleas whatſoever, of us our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all Suits, Plaints, and Demands whatſoever. And that they and their Succeſſors may uſe and have a Common Seal, and that it ſhall and may be lawful for them and their Succeſſors, to change, break, alter, or make new the ſaid Seal, from Time to Time, as they ſhall think fit.

Incorporated under the Name of the Royal Iriſh Academy.

The King Patron.

Empowered to purchaſe Lands, &c.

Not exceeding the yearly Value of £1000.

Seal.

And our Will and Pleaſure is, and we do ordain, and grant, that the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors for ever, ſhall have one Preſident and a Council, conſiſting of Twenty-one Members, to be hereafter elected by them, out of which Council four Vice Preſidents ſhall

Preſident and Council.

Four Vice Preſidents.

Treaſurer. Secretary.

ſhall be nominated by the Preſident, by writing under his Hand and Seal, and one Treaſurer and one Secretary ſhall be elected.

Names of the Firſt and Modern Preſident,

And for the better Execution of this our Royal Grant, we have nominated, and do hereby nominate, conſtitute, and appoint our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin and Counſellor *James* Earl of *Charlemont* to be the firſt and modern Preſident of this Academy: And we do further hereby nominate and appoint our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin *John* Earl of *Moira*, our Right Reverend and well beloved Fathers in *God William* Biſhop of *Waterford*, *Thomas* Biſhop of *Killaloe*, *Thomas* Biſhop of *Dromore*, and *John* Biſhop of *Clonfert*; our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellors *William Conyngham* and *Dennis Daly* Eſquires; our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Henry Uſſher*, the Reverend *William Hales*, the Reverend *John Kearney*, our truſty and well beloved *John Purcell*, *Robert Perceval* and *Stephen Dickſon*, Doctors of Phyſic; our well beloved in *Chriſt* the Reverend *Matthew Young*, the Reverend *George Hall*, the Reverend *William Hamilton*, and the Reverend *Richard Stack*, Fellows of *Trinity College*, *Dublin*; our truſty and well beloved *Charles Vallancey*, *William Preſton* and *James Gandon*, Eſquires, to be the firſt modern Twenty-one of the Council of this Academy.

Council,

Treaſurer and Secretary,

And We do further nominate and appoint our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor *William Conyngham*, to be the firſt and modern Treaſurer; and our Truſty and well beloved *Robert Perceval* Doctor of Phyſick, to be the firſt and modern Secretary to this Academy; the ſaid ſeveral Perſons and each and every of them to continue in their and his reſpective Place and Offices, from the day of the date of theſe Preſents, until the Sixteenth day of *March* next enſuing, and until others be choſen in their reſpective Places; which ſaid Council and their Succeſſors ſhall be aiding and aſſiſting to the Preſident of our ſaid Academy, in all matters for the better Regulation and Government thereof, and of every Member of the ſame. And our Will and Pleaſure is that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Preſident, Council, and Officers, and the reſt of the

to continue in Office 'till the 16th day of *March* next, and until others be choſen.

Council to aſſiſt Preſident in the Regulation of the Academy.

Members

Members of the ſaid Academy, alſo as ſoon as conveniently may be, after the date of theſe Preſents, to meet together at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Preſident or any one of the ſaid Vice Preſidents ſhall appoint by Summons, which the ſaid Preſident or any one of the ſaid Vice Preſidents, are by theſe Preſents empowered and required timely to iſſue to that purpoſe to the ſaid Members, or ſuch of them as ſhall be reſident within our City, or the Liberties of our City of *Dublin*, in our ſaid Kingdom, at which Meeting and at all future Meetings of this Corporation, Sixteen at leaſt being preſent, they are alſo by theſe Preſents empowered to elect from Time to Time ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think proper to admit into the ſaid Academy as Members of the ſame, who after ſuch Election ſhall be, and be called Members of the ſaid Academy, in the ſame Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes as thoſe herein nominated and appointed by theſe our Royal Letters Patent. And our further Pleaſure is, that there ſhall be two ſtated General Meetings of the ſaid Academy in every Year, one on the Thirtieth Day of *November*, and the other on the Sixteenth Day of *March*, being the Eve of *St. Patrick's Day*, and as many other General Meetings as the Corporation, or the Majority of ſuch Members, as being duly ſummoned, ſhall be preſent at any preceding General Meeting ſhall appoint.

Preſident or Vice-Preſidents, empowered to appoint Time and Place of Meeting, and iſſue Summonſes to the Members.

To elect new Members, 16 at leaſt muſt be Preſent.

Two General Meetings in every Year, on the 30th of *November*, and 16th of *March*.

AND in caſe it ſhall happen, that the Thirtieth Day of *November*, or the Sixteenth Day of *March* ſhall, in any Year, fall on a *Sunday*, then our Will and Pleaſure is, that ſuch General Meeting as aforeſaid ſhall, for that Time, be held on the Day next immediately preceding ſuch Thirtieth Day of *November* or Sixteenth Day of *March*. AND our Will and Pleaſure is, that at the General Meeting of the Corporation on the Sixteenth Day of *March* in every Year, or on the Day preceding as aforeſaid, Sixteen Members at leaſt being preſent (of whom the Preſident or one of the Vice-Preſidents ſhall always be one), the Preſident and Council ſhall at every ſuch Meeting lay before the Corporation a Liſt of Forty-three Names (the Names of the then ſubſiſting Preſident and Council being included), out of which Liſt the ſaid Corporation ſhall elect a Preſident and Council for the next enſuing Year, after ſuch Form and

If the 30th of *November*, or 16th of *March* happen on a *Sunday*, General Meeting to be held the Day next preceding.

On 16th of *March*, Preſident and Council to lay before the Corporation, a liſt of 43 Names, out of which liſt a new Preſident and Council to be elected for the enſuing Year.

A Treaſurer and Secretary to be alſo elected, to continue in Office one Year.

and Manner as the Preſident and Council, with the Approbation of the Academy, ſhall have ordained or ſhall hereafter ordain; and at every ſuch Annual Meeting ſhall alſo be elected in the Manner aforeſaid a Treaſurer and Secretary, which Preſident and Council Treaſurer and Secretary ſo elected ſhall continue in Office for the enſuing Year, unleſs they or any of them ſhall ſooner die, reſign, or be removed.

Preſident to appoint under his Hand and Seal, 4 Vice-Preſidents.

On which Day the new Preſident, if preſent, ſhall alſo appoint, by Writing under his Hand and Seal, four Vice-Preſidents to continue in Office for one Year as aforeſaid, or in caſe of his abſence, the former Vice-Preſidents ſhall continue in Office until new ones ſhall be duly appointed in their place.

If Preſident be abſent, former Vice-Preſidents to continue in Office until new ones ſhall be duly appointed.

AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that in caſe of the Death, Reſignation, or amotion of the Preſident, or any one or more of the Vice-Preſidents, the Treaſurer, Secretary, or any Member or Members of the Council, the ſaid Corporation ſhall have full Power to meet and chooſe others in their places reſpectively, in the Manner as aforeſaid, Sixteen Members at leaſt being preſent, of whom the Preſident or one of the Vice-Preſidents ſhall be always one.

In caſe of Death, &c. of the Preſident, Vice-Preſidents or Members of Council, Corporation has Power to chuſe others, 16 Members at leaſt being preſent.

AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that in the Abſence of the Preſident, at any Meeting of the Corporation, or the Council, in caſe that more than one Vice-Preſident ſhall be preſent, ſuch Vice-Preſident as ſhall be firſt named in the Liſt of thoſe appointed under the Hand and Seal of the Preſident, ſhall preſide at ſuch Meeting, and have a caſting Voice in caſe of an Equality of Votes on any Queſtion, beſides his own Vote as a Member; and if the Preſident and all the Vice-Preſidents ſhall happen to be abſent, then the Majority of the Members preſent ſhall appoint one to preſide for ſuch Time only.

In the abſence of the Preſident, the Vice Preſident Firſt named in the Liſt of thoſe appointed ſhall preſide,

and have a Caſting Voice beſides his own Vote.

AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that the Preſident and Council of the ſaid Academy ſhall have full Power and Authority to make and enact ſuch Ordinances, Rules, and Bye-Laws for the Encouragement of the Study of Science, Polite Learning and Antiquities, and for the Government and Management of the ſaid Academy and their Eſtate and Revenues, and the Manner of the Choice and Removal of their Members and Officers, as they ſhall judge meet and convenient, and the

In the abſence of the Preſident and all the Vice-Preſidents, majority of Members preſent ſhall appoint

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ſame to vary, alter and repeal, and others to make in their ſtead, from Time to Time, as they ſhall ſee fit.

one to Preſide for that Time only.

Preſident and Council empowered to enact Bye-laws,

PROVIDED always, that ſuch Ordinances be not repugnant to the Laws of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, or to this our Charter of Incorporation, and that the ſame ſhall afterwards be approved and confirmed by the ſaid Corporation at large; otherwiſe to continue in force until the next General Meeting of the Academy and no longer.

which muſt be confirmed by the Corporation at large, otherwiſe to continue no longer in force than the next General Meeting.

PROVIDED always, that no Rule or Bye-Law once duly made and confirmed ſhall be repealed or altered, except the Motion for ſuch Repeal or Alteration ſhall have been firſt approved of and propoſed to the Corporation by the Preſident and Council of the ſaid Academy. **AND** our further Will and Pleaſure is, that the Preſident, Council, and Members of the ſaid *Iriſh* Academy ſhall from Time to Time nominate and appoint ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think convenient to be Clerks, Officers, and Servants of ſaid Corporation for carrying on and executing their neceſſary affairs. And alſo that it ſhall and may be lawful for ſaid Corporation to employ one Serjeant at Mace, and ſuch other Servants as may be uſeful to attend on the ſaid Preſident or his Deputy on all proper Occaſions, and to do ſuch other Things as may by them from Time to Time be thought expedient.

Every Repeal or Alteration of a Bye-Law muſt be firſt approved of and propoſed to the Corporation, by the Preſident and Council.

Corporation to appoint Clerks, Officers, &c.

Corporation may employ one Serjeant at Mace.

AND it is our further Will and Pleaſure, and we do by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, ordain, conſtitute and appoint, that if any Abuſes or Differences ſhall at any Time hereafter ariſe and happen concerning the Government or Affairs of the ſaid Academy, whereby the Conſtitution, Progreſs, Improvement, or Buſineſs thereof may ſuffer or be hindered, then and ſo often we do by theſe Preſents nominate, aſſign, and conſtitute that our Lieutenant General, or other our Chief Governor or Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall be Viſitors reſpectively of the ſaid

Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor, ſhall be Viſitor, with Power to reconcile all Differences that ſhall ariſe.

Corporation, with full Power to reconcile, compoſe, and redreſs any ſuch Differences and Abuſes, and with all other Powers to the ſaid Office of Viſitor of Right belonging.

AND LASTLY, We do declare and ordain, that theſe our Letters Patent, and every Clauſe, Sentence, and Article therein contained, or the Inrollment thereof, made in our High Court of *Chancery* in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, ſhall be in all Things firm, valid, ſufficient, and effectual in the Law unto the ſaid Academy and their Succeſſors, according to the Purport and Tenor hereof, without any further Grant, Licence, or Toleration from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, to bo procured or obtained: PROVIDED always, that theſe our Letters Patent be inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of *Chancery* in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, within the Space of Six Months next enſuing the Date of theſe Preſents. IN WITNESS whereof, we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent: WITNESS our aforeſaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, at *Dublin*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *January*, in the Twenty-ſixth Year of our Reign.

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THE

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CHAP. I.

Of the Conſtitution of the Royal Iriſh Academy.

1. THE Academy conſiſts of a Preſident, a Council of twenty-one, and an indefinite number of Members.

2. The Council is divided into three Committees, each conſiſting of ſeven Members, which Committees have for their Objects, reſpectively, the departments of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities.

3. Each of theſe Committees has Power to form bye-laws, for the regulation of their ſeveral meetings, at each of which every member of the Academy is invited to be preſent.

CHAP. II.

Of the Election and Admiſſion of Members.

1. AT the meetings of the Academy for election of members, ſixteen at leaſt ſhall form a quorum.

2. Members ſhall be elected by ballot, and no candidates ſhall be elected unleſs it ſhall appear on the inſpection of the ballot, that three fourths, at leaſt, of the Members preſent ſhall have voted in his favour.

3. Candidates

3. Candidates propoſed for admiſſion on any day of monthly meeting of the Academy, ſhall be ballotted for on the next day of monthly meeting, and not ſooner.

4. The names of the candidates for admiſſion ſhall be hung up in the room on the day they are propoſed, there to remain 'till the day of ballotting, and a certificate ſigned by four members, at leaſt, ſhall be ſubjoined to the name of each candidate propoſed, in form following: "We whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed do certify that,* of our perſonal knowledge, A. B. is properly qualified to be an uſeful Member of this Academy."

5. Each member on his propoſing a candidate for admiſſion, ſhall deliver to the ſecretary, in writing, the name, profeſſion, and reſidence of the candidate propoſed.

6. On the day of election of any member, one of the perſons who have ſubſcribed their Names to the Paper propoſing ſaid Member, ſhall immediately depoſit the fees due upon election in the hands of the treaſurer.

7. The ſecretary ſhall furniſh to each member on his election notice thereof, and ſhall inform him of the time of payment of the annual ſubſcription; the notice to be as follows:

I am inſtructed by the preſident, and council of the Royal Iriſh Academy, to acquaint you, that you were elected a member of that body on the day of

8. Foreigners ſhall be admiſſible as correſponding honorary members, to be elected in manner aforeſaid, and ſuch members ſhall not be expected to contribute to the funds of the Academy, nor be entitled to propoſe a member, or ſign a certificate.

* Theſe words, 'of our perſonal knowledge,' to be omitted in the Certificate for honorary Members.

CHAP.

CHAP. III.

Of the Obligations to be ſigned by the Members of the Academy.

WE, whoſe names are underwritten, being admitted members of the Royal Iriſh Academy, for advancing the ſtudy of ſcience, polite literature and antiquities, do hereby promiſe, each for himſelf, that we will endeavour to promote the good of ſaid Academy, and to purſue the ends for which the ſame was founded; that we will be preſent at the meetings of ſaid Academy, as often as we conveniently can, eſpecially at anniverſary elections, and upon extraordinary occaſions, and that we will obſerve the ſtatutes and orders of ſaid Academy.

We do alſo hereby promiſe and engage, each for himſelf, his heirs, executors, and adminiſtrators, that we will well and truly pay, or cauſe to be paid, to the treaſurer of ſaid Academy, on or before the ſixteenth day of March, in every year, the ſum of two pounds five ſhillings and ſix pence *Ster.* PROVIDED always, that we ſhall not have paid to the ſaid treaſurer, in lieu thereof, the ſum of twenty guineas as a life ſubſcription, and provided alſo, that whenever any of us ſhall ſignify to the preſident, under his hand, that he deſireth to withdraw from the Academy, he ſhall be free from the aforeſaid obligations.

CHAP. IV

Of Payments of the Members of the Academy.

1. EVERY member of the Academy ſhall himſelf, or by the hands of the perſon who has propoſed him, before his admiſſion, pay the

the ſum of five guineas to the treaſurer, under penalty of forfeiting his place in the Academy, unleſs the whole or any part of ſaid ſum ſhall be remitted by the council.

2. The annual ſubſcription of each member ſhall become due on the 16th of March, and ſhall be by him paid before the firſt monday in May, under pain of forfeiting his place in the Academy.

3. The firſt annual ſubſcription ſhall become due on the 16th of March, immediately ſubſequent to the day of the election of each member.

CHAP. V.

Of the Preſident and Vice-Preſidents, Treaſurer and Secretaries.

1. THE Preſident of the Academy for the time being, ſhall, on the 16th of March (or, if that day happens on a Sunday, on the day next immediately preceding) nominate four perſons of the Council of ſaid Academy, for the time being, to be his Deputies; one of which, the ſenior in nomination, who ſhall be preſent or in readineſs, ſhall, in the abſence of the Preſident, be impowered to ſupply the place of the Preſident, and to do all acts concerning the Academy, and the buſineſs of the ſame, which the Preſident by virtue of his ſaid office might do, if he were himſelf actually preſent.

2. The Secretary of the Academy ſhall be empowered to employ a Clerk, and ſhall be indemnified by the Council for neceſſary expences incurred.

3. The

3. The Treaſurer and Secretaries are to attend each night of meeting of the Academy, or, if they cannot attend, are to appoint Deputies in their ſtead, under penalty of not being eligible into office the ſubſequent year.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Election of the Preſident, Council and Officers.

1. THE eve of Saint Patrick's-day ſhall be the day appointed for the annual meeting, for the election of the council and officers, unleſs that day ſhould fall on a Sunday, in which caſe the election ſhall be held on the day immediately preceding.

2. On the 16th of March, or, if that day ſhould happpen on a Sunday, on the day next immediately preceding, the preſident, treaſurer, and ſecretary, ſhall be elected by the Academy at large.

3. On the firſt monday of March, in every year, the council of the preceding year ſhall meet and prepare 3 liſts of ſuch perſons as they ſhall deem qualified to ſerve on the reſpective committees for the enſuing year, each liſt conſiſting of not leſs than 14 names, the names of the committees of the laſt year being included; each liſt is then to be hung up in the publick room of the Academy, there to remain 'till the day of the general meeting for the election of a new council, and officers, on which day the Academy being duly ſummoned by notices, in which the purpoſe of ſuch meeting ſhall be particularly expreſſed, each member ſhall deliver in writing to the preſident, 7 names of ſuch perſons as he ſhall think fit to be appoint-

ed to ſerve on the committee of ſcience for the enſuing year, five of which ſhall be taken from the liſt of thoſe who are already of the abovementioned committee, and 2 from the liſt of new names propoſed, and whichſoever 7 perſons ſhall appear upon ſcrutiny to have the greateſt number of ſuffrages, ſhall by the preſident be declared to be the committee of ſcience, for the enſuing year. The Academy ſhall then proceed to the election of the committees of polite literature and antiquities, in the ſame form and manner: provided always, that if it ſhall appear from the minutes of any of the committees, that any member or members of ſuch committee have not aſſiſted in perſon, or by deputy, at a majority of the meetings of ſaid committee, ſuch member or members ſhall not be eligible for the enſuing year.

4. All under officers of the Academy, viz. librarian, keeper of the repoſitory, printer, ſtationer, mace-bearer, &c. &c. are to be elected as before, by the Academy at large.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Times and Forms of the Meetings of the Academy.

1. THE two general publick meetings of the Academy, ſhall be held on the 30th day of November, and on the 16th day of March, except they ſhall fall on ſundays, in which caſe the ſaid meetings ſhall be held on the day immediately preceding ſuch ſundays reſpectively.

2. A general meeting of the Academy ſhall likewiſe be held, on the fourth monday of every month, at 8 P. M. except during the ſummer receſs, at which meetings, ſuch communications as ſhall have been approved

proved of by the committees, during the preceding part of the month ſhall be read.

3. Any member of the Academy, ſhall have liberty to introduce to the monthly meetings of the Academy, one perſon as a viſitor, provided ſuch perſon ſhall not be a reſident in Ireland, and leave has been previouſly obtained for the purpoſe from the Academy, by motion made by the preſident, to whom the name, &c. of ſaid perſon ſhall be communicated.

4. Whenever, at any general meeting of the Academy, bye-laws are to be confirmed, notice of ſuch meeting ſhall be given to each member of the Academy, five days at leaſt before the day of ſaid meeting, and the purpoſe of ſaid meeting ſhall be mentioned in the ſummonſes.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Times of Meetings of the Council and Committees.

1. THE ſtated meetings of the council, ſhall be held on the fourth Monday of every month, at ſuch hour as they ſhall appoint, 7 to be a quorum, with power to adjourn from time to time.

The ſtated meetings of the committees, ſhall be as follows:

The committee of ſcience, ſhall meet the firſt Monday of every month, at 8 P. M.

The committee of polite literature, ſhall meet the ſecond Monday of every month, at 8 P. M.

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The committee of antiquities, ſhall meet the third Monday of every month, at 8 P. M.

2. The council and each of the committees, ſhall have power to appoint extraordinary meetings, of which meetings, notice ſhall be given by the ſecretary of the Academy, to the members of the council, or of the committee, two days before the day of the ſaid meeting, he being previouſly informed of ſaid meeting, by the ſecretary of council, or of the committees.

3. The council and each of the committees, ſhall have power to adjourn their meetings at pleaſure, during the ſummer receſs of the Academy.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Offices of the Council, and of the Committees, and of the forms of their Meetings.

1. ALL reſolutions that regard the diſpoſal of the funds of the Academy, as alſo all reſolutions that regard the enacting or repealing bye-laws, ſhall originate in the council.

2. The proceedings of the ſaid council, ſhall be ſubject to the controul of the Academy, in manner following, that is to ſay, ſuch regulations as ſhall be formed by the council, ſhall continue in force 'till the next general meeting of the Academy, to be by them approved of, or reſcinded: provided always, that if any ſum or ſums of money, not exceeding £20. ſhall be diſpoſed of by the council, between any two meetings of the Academy, the act of council ſhall be definitive.

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3. No act of council ſhall be valid, unleſs ſigned by the preſident, or one of the vice-preſidents.

4. At each meeting of the committee, any member preſent ſhall be empowered to introduce as a viſitor, one perſon not uſually reſident in the kingdom, provided the majority of the committee ſhall have approved of ſuch introduction, the queſtion having been put by the chairman.

5. Each of the committees ſhall be empowered, in caſe of the abſence of the preſident and vice-preſidents, to elect a chairman for that night only; they ſhall alſo have power to elect a ſecretary from amongſt their own number.

6. The chairman ſhall have power to return the thanks of the committee for communications received.

7. At the meetings of theſe committees, papers ſhall be read in the order in which they have been preſented to the chairman.

8. No literary communication ſhall be received in any of the committees, unleſs it ſhall be preſented by ſome member of ſaid committee, or ſhall have been recommended by two members of ſaid committee, previous to its introduction.

9. All communications ſhall be deemed the property of the Academy, but the author of any communication may, by petition to council, reclaim ſuch communication, which ſhall be reſtored to him on ſaid petition being granted.

10. In caſe of the ſickneſs or abſence of any member of a committee, to be ſignified to the ſecretary of the committee, that member of ſuch committee ſhall nominate a member, pro tempore, out of the names which have been propoſed by the council, to fill the committees,

tees, and which have not been elected; the member's nomination ſhall then be ſignified to him by the ſecretary of the committee, and in caſe the preſident ſhall approve ſuch nomination, ſuch member pro tempore, ſhall be veſted with all the powers of a member of council; and of ſuch nomination the ſecretary of the committee, ſhall forthwith give notice to the ſecretary of the Academy.

11. The ſecretaries of the three committees, ſhall take charge of the papers given in to ſaid committees, for which papers they ſhall be reſponſible to the Academy.

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